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SUBJECT: GDR TECHNICAL WEEKS IN U.S.

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1. AN OBLIQUE INQUIRY ON FEBRUARY 18 BY EMBASSY OFFICER OF DOELLING, GDR CHAMBER OF FOREIGN TRADE, ELICITED CONFIRMATION THAT THE PLANNED EAST GERMAN TECHNICAL WEEKS IN THE U.S. PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED FOR JUNE (NOT APRIL/MAY AS STATED BY SIEBER) HAVE INDEED, BEEN CANCELED. WHEN EMBASSY OFFICER NOTED THAT GDR EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON HAD RECENTLY PROVIDED CONFLICTING INFORMATION, DOELLING WAS AT FIRST PERPLEXED, BUT THEN A BROAD SMILE SLOWLY ENVELOPED HIS FACE. THIS NEWS, HE EXPLAINED, MADE CLEAR TO HIM WHY THE GDR FOREIGN TRADE MINISTRY (FTM) HAD QUERIED HIM THREE DAYS PREVIOUSLY AS TO WHETHER OR NO HE HAD INFORMED THE GDR WASHINGTON EMBASSY OF THE DECISION TO CANCEL THE TECHNICAL WEEKS. ACCORDING TO HIS OWN ACCOUNT OF THE STORY, DOELLING RETORTED TO HIS FTM COLLEAGUE THAT NOTIFICATION OF CANCELLATION WAS A MINISTRY RESPONSIBILITY, PARTICULARLY SINCE IT

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HAD BEEN AN FTM DECISION, AND THAT HE HAD NOTIFIED

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WITH WHOM HE HAD BEEN IN CONTACT. COOPER

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